TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION 1099.

Friday, the 2nd November, 1923.

(*OFFICIAL REPORT.*)

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven Thirty-six of the Clock. The President was in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12*—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Revision of Salaries in the Sanskrit College and the Curator's Office.

50. MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : (*a*) Is it a fact that Government sanctioned increments of pay to the staff in the Department for the Preservation of Oriental Literature as per report of the Salaries Committee in the following manner, *viz* :

Rs. 25 to 50,
„ 40 „ 70,
„ 70 „ 100 ?

(*b*) Is it a fact that, when they sanctioned similar increments in the Sanskrit College, only the following scales were allowed, *viz*:

Rs. 50 to 60,
„ 60 „ 70,
„ 70 and
„ 100 ?

(*c*) Are not the qualifications of pandits in these two institutions more or less equal ?

(*d*) Is the rate or scale of increment sanctioned in the Sanskrit College less than or equal to that recommended by the Salaries Committee ?

(*e*) Were the Principal of the Arts College and the Curator in charge of the Department for the Preservation of Oriental Literature consulted when the scales of pay were revised in those institutions ?

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[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

(*f*) Did the Government consult the Principal of the Sanskrit College when the scales of pay for the staff of that college were revised?

(*g*) Has the Principal of the Sanskrit College complained that the rates of increments to his college staff were not sanctioned as recommended by the Salaries Committee?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The old and the revised scales of pay of the staff of pandits in the office of the Curator for the Preservation of Oriental Literature and in the Sanskrit College, and the proposals of the Salaries Committee are given below :—

(*a*) *Office of the Curator for the Preservation of Oriental Literature.*

Old scale.	*As proposed by the Salaries Committee.*	*Revised scale.*
1 Head Pandit on Rs. 50-5/1-75.	1 Head Pandit on Rs. 70-5/1-100.	1 Head Pandit on Rs. 70-5/1-100.
2 Pandits on Rs. 40.	3 First Grade Pandits on Rs. 50-5/2-70.	4 Pandits on Rs. 50-5/1-70
2 Assistant Pandits on Rs. 30.	3 Second Grade Pandits on Rs. 40-2/1-50.	5 Assistant Pandits on Rs. 40-2/1-50.
2 Assistant Pandits on Rs. 25.		
3 Scribes on Rs. 25.	3 Scribes on Rs. 25-5/2-40.	

(*b*) and (*d*) *Sanskrit College.*

1 Pandit on Rs. 70-5/1-100.	3 Chief Pandits on Rs. 70-5/1-100.	2 Senior Pandits on Rs. 70-5/1-100.
2 Pandits on Rs. 50-5/1-70.	3 Assistant Pandits on Rs. 50-5/2-70.	1 Chief Pandit on Rs. 50-5/1-70.
3 Assistant Pandits on Rs. 40-5/2-50	1 Sahitya teacher on Rs. 50-5/2-70.	3 Assistant Pandits on Rs. 40-5/2-60.
1 Sahitya teacher on Rs. 50-5/1-60.		1 Sahitya teacher on Rs. 50-5/1-70.

(*c*) The Public Service Notification exempts the Head Pandit, Pandits and Assistant Pandits of the Curator's office from the rule regarding minimum educational qualification, while the Pandits and Assistant Pandits in the Sanskrit College (*Sastra* Department) have to be Mahopadhyayas under that notification. In practice, however, the qualifications of pandits in both the institutions are more or less the same.

(*e*) The Director of Public Instruction and the Curator for the Preservation of Oriental Literature were consulted before the Government passed orders.

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(*f*) The Principal of the Sanskrit College was not consulted, as he is not the head of his department.

(*g*) He has complained to the Director that, in the case of one particular post, the recommendation of the Salaries Committee has not been accepted by Government.

Vernacular Text-Book Committee.

51. MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(1) the names of the members of the Malayalam Text-Book Committee for the last ten years;

(2) the number of years during which each served on the Committee;

(3) the names of the books, if any, of each of the members, prescribed or approved in English as well as in vernacular schools, during the tenure of their membership;

(4) the classes for which each of these books was prescribed or approved;

(5) the number of years these books were considered as text-books;

(6) the date of publication of each book; and

(7) the date of each being prescribed or approved as a text-book by the Committee?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) and (2) The Government *Almanac and Directory* from 1918 onwards contains the required information. There is no Text-Book Committee for Malayalam alone; nor was there any separate Text-Book Committee for the vernacular languages before 1917.

(3), (4), (5) and (7) The member is referred to the Education sheets of the *Government Gazette* dated 6-3-1917, 13-3-1917, 10-4-1917, 15-5-1917, 5-6-1917, 18-9-1917, 12-2-1918, 20-3-1918, 16-4-1918, 7-5-1918, 16-7-1918, 3-9-1918, 11-2-1919, 13-5-1919, 20-5-1919, 3-6-1919, 24-6-1919, 15-7-1919, 13-4-1920, 20-4-1920, 18-5-1920, 1-6-1920, 15-6-1920, 13-7-1920, 17-8-1920, 19-4-1921, 10-5-1921, 17-5-1921, 24-5-1921, 14-6-1921, 20-9-1921, 16-5-1922, 30-5-1922, 6-6-1922, 13-6-1922 and 1-5-1923.

(6) Government have no information.

Arrears of Abkari Kist.

52. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state the amounts written off during 1097 and 1098 on the recommendation of the Excise Commissioner on account of arrears of *kist* due from the holders of arrack and toddy shops who had defaulted payment and the reasons advanced by the Excise Commissioner for making such recommendations?

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